

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-30 and 32-44 are pending in the present application. By this Response, claims 1, 6, 14, 22, 23, 25-29, 35, 40, 43 and 44 are amended and claims 10 and 31 are canceled. Claims 1, 14, 22, 35, 43 and 44 are amended to incorporate subject matter similar to canceled claims 10 and 31. Claim 6 is amended to correct a minor informality. Claims 23, 25-29 and 40 are amended to correct for proper antecedent basis. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Salace for the courtesies extended Applicants' representatives during the September 29, 2004 telephone interview. During the interview, Examiner Salace indicated that the above amendments would overcome the cited references. Therefore it is Applicants' understanding that, pending an update search by Examiner Salace, the present claims are now in condition for allowance. The substance of the interview is summarized in the remarks of Section II, which follows.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Salace for indicating claims 10 and 31 allowable. By this Response, the independent claims 1, 14, 22, 35, 43 and 44 are amended to include allowable subject matter from dependent claims 10 and 31. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is now in condition for allowance.

III. Objection to Claims

The Office Action states that claims 10 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and that the

limitations "calculating calculated cyclic" is redundant, and should read "calculating cyclic." In response, the claims have been rewritten to overcome this objection.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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